



The Wickford C of E School



Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE

TARGET: 100%

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR THIS

WEEK: 94.5%

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

Penguin: 96.7%

Wren: 98.3%

Puffin: 93.6%

Robin: 97.3%

Flamingo: 87.5%

Parrot: 90.6%

PADDINGTONS

Penguin: Mitchell, Henry D, Ronnie J and Ellie

Wren: Alexa, Amelia W, Shri and Jimmy

Puffin: Kiamil, Annie, Bolu and Sophie K

Robin: Charlie G, Evie, Sophie H and Ruben

Flamingo: Andreea, Jack W, Ava M-S and Ivy

Parrot: Zayn, Stefan, Bertie and Ariella A

GOLDEN TABLE

Penguin: Evie

Wren: Henry M

Puffin: Sophie K

Robin: Oscar

Flamingo: Stanley W

Parrot: Gabriela

18th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

A busy week, not helped by the delayed start each morning. However, once in we have been achieving amazing things. I have seen some amazing joined writing in both Year 2 classes, well done Penguin and Wren classes, you are trying so hard.

WATER BOTTLES Please ensure these are carried - we have had quite a few books destroyed due to leaks in book bags. Also a reminder to fill with water only - we cannot rescue books destroyed by fruit juice.

READING A reminder to please add a note to your child's diary each evening. We are monitoring these and teachers will speak to parents where a lack of communication is seen. It is vital that learning is a partnership between home and school.

TOP TECH TIP this week's TTT is about Tik Tok, please see attached.

PLAYTIME GAMES Some games are focusing upon Avengers and Fortnite and this has led to children being hurt within the game context. Please can I ask all parents to speak to their children about the games that they play, reenacting what is seen on a screen is not acceptable if friends get hurt,

Other information, related to Fortnite is as follows:

Fortnite welcomes players aged 12 + although

<https://www.common sense media.org/> offers some valuable information:



Fortnite

Game review by David Chapman, Common Sense Media



Common Sense says

age 13+ ★★★★★

Battle it out or use strategy in fantastic action game.

Mac, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, Windows, Xbox One | \$59.99 |

2017

Save Rate game Sign in or join to save for later

Parents say

age 11+

★★★

Based on 545 reviews

Kids say

age 10+

★★★

Based on 535 reviews

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EARRINGS a reminder that we are 'jewellery free', please ensure that these are removed before coming to school.

GOING HOME BOOKS/PASSWORDS Please ensure that those collecting your child are recorded in the book before you leave the site in the morning. If you don't come to the school, then please write a brief note for your child's class teacher. In EYFS, please ensure the password is given to those collecting.

If you are not known to staff (maybe a different member of staff is dismissing or you don't usually collect) and are collecting your own child, you may be asked for your child's password from time to time, please don't be offended as we are keeping your child safe. Thank you.

GOING HOME BOOK Please ensure these are kept updated so we are aware of those your child may go home with.

SNOW Just in case...school will be open as normal, except in extreme conditions. If the school makes the decision to close you will be informed by text. We will also add information to our website and Twitter account.

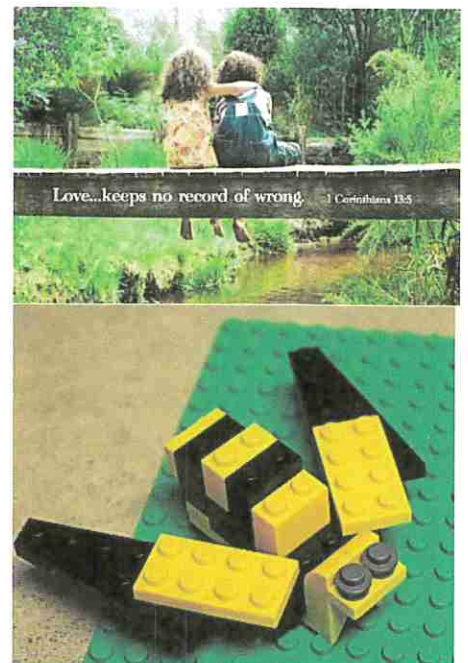
SAFE ARRIVAL Please ensure children arriving after 8:50 are signed in at the office. Many thanks. We understand that the road works on the Southend Road are frustrating. It is for the whole staff community. The punctuality records will reflect the emergency gas works that are needed.

MOMENT OF LOVELINESS

MATHS MAGICIANS how great to see them sharing and learning how to divide - grasped quickly when Haribo are involved. It looked like fun and the children were enjoying this learning, thank you Miss Scammell.

ASSEMBLY REFLECTIONS Louie T, Cameron, Amelia and Ellie were the Servers on Monday. They set up for assembly and also took part in helping me to encourage the children to see that being a good friend is someone who is mindful of the words said and someone who forgives. Their acting skills were superb!

LEGO CLUB It was lovely to see Mrs Adams' club and their attempts to build insects from Lego. We clearly have some excellent engineers. I wonder if anyone else can do it? Here is a photo of a bee, can you build a bug and send me a photo of you and 'it'? It's not an easy task so think of it as a challenge, try a different sort of creature and don't give up 😊



EARLY FLOWERS Many thanks to Chris DIY/Mr and Mrs Merrington for the beautiful planter that sits outside the main entrance. They kindly donated this as a lovely addition for the front of our school.

Gardening Club then spent time planting it up. Thank you very much, we love it!

We are lucky to have special friends.



SHARING ASSEMBLY Friday 1st February will be sharing for FS.

SECRET GARDEN The Secret Garden is out of bounds at the moment. Please make sure little ones do not try to go in there.

LOST PROPERTY Please could you check you do have a fleece that is not yours. Treavon in FS is missing a fleece that has his name in. Please make sure you have all your uniform named.

HIRE THE HALL

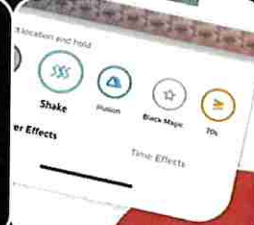
Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office if you are interested.

Have a lovely weekend! See you Monday.
Mrs Johnson and the CofE team.



Tik Tok

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+



What parents need to know about

TikTok

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents, moments and knowledge', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments from around the world, quickly turning people into 'stars'. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

INAPPROPRIATE SONG LYRICS

TikTok lets users lip-sync to their favourite songs and produce their own music videos. Some of the music choices contain swear words or sexual themes. So not only can children be exposed to potentially inappropriate content but they can broadcast themselves miming or singing these lyrics.

CONCERNING CONTENT

Some of the outfits and dance moves in videos can be overtly sexual and provocative. There have also been reports of some users sharing concerning content, such as videos that promote anorexia, porn, self-harm and violence.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Of course, as with many apps, there's a paid element to TikTok. Users can buy virtual coins to be exchanged for virtual gifts – for example, if they like a specific video, your child can use coins to purchase emojis to show approval. These can be expensive and easily purchased – there is the option to buy 10,000 coins for £97.99 with a one-click buy button.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

TikTok encourages users to 'share their passion and creative expression through their videos' and while something may seem fun at the time, videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape their online reputation and the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

HANDLING CRITICISM

While it's fantastic to see your child being creative and expressive and bonding with people with similar interests, they need to be aware that not everyone will be supportive online. Comments can be negative or even cruel. Make sure they know how to comment respectfully and handle negative feedback. In the app's Privacy and Safety settings, your child can decide who can react to their videos, who can comment, and who can send them private chat messages. We suggest using these settings so only their friends can interact with their posts.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

USE THE 'DIGITAL WELLBEING' SETTING

If you're concerned about the amount of time your child is spending on TikTok, in the app's settings, you can switch on a feature called Digital Wellbeing. This includes 'Screen Management' to limit the amount of time your child spends on the app.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety', scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you or your child see something on TikTok that appears to be inappropriate, they can report content in different ways within the app. They can report an account, video, comment or chat conversation by simply tapping 'Report'. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is also an 'Enhanced Restricted Mode', which limits the appearance of videos that may not be appropriate for all audiences.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

DISCUSS IN-APP PURCHASES

To lower the risk of your child making accidental in-app purchases, teach them exactly what in-app purchases are and the risks of making them without permission. Tell them that they are not essential to enjoy the app and that if they want to make a purchase, they should always ask you beforehand. In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' feature, there is the option to disable the function of purchasing coins and sending gifts.

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